

Dear FCC,

I strongly disagree with Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

I would much prefer to see real people from my own community and more substantive news about issues that matter to that community, rather than something produced at "News Central" far away.

Sinclair's actions are an excellent example of why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them! They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts on this important topic.